

ABSOLUTE RATING: **Excellent**
IMPROVEMENT RATING: **Good**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 21. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Good
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	73.9	72.4	73.5	73.7	76.3	76.7
• Passed 2 subtests	15.8	11.5	13.5	15.1	14.1	13.6
• Passed 1 subtest	7.1	12.0	7.6	7.0	6.7	6.6
• Passed no subtests	3.2	4.2	5.4	4.1	2.9	3.1

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	35.3%	30.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	37.4%	32.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	59.4%	56.2%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	93.3%	35.3%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	81.3%	7.7%	
Students without disabilities	93.9%	37.6%	
Gender			
Male	93.5%	36.3%	
Female	93.0%	34.8%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	87.8%	11.2%	
Hispanic	100.0%	40.0%	
White	97.6%	50.8%	
Other	83.3%	58.3%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	77.1%	5.1%	
Pay for lunch	95.3%	39.2%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	0.0%
Completers placed	99.0%
Eligible students enrolled	5.8%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,166	N/A	\$4,951	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 89.6%	91.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.1 to 1	N/A	26.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,755)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	61.2%	N/A	67.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.9%	95.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.3%	Down from 9.5%	7.2%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=130)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.9 Days	Up from 7.5	7.4 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.0%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Up from 58.7%	56.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.8%	Up from 83.2%	82.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	1.5%	Up from 0.8%	3.7%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.7%	Down from 86.5%	87.0%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,998	Up 4.5%	\$39,257	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.0%	Up from 3.0%	1.8%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	56.0%	N/A	56.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	61.9%	N/A	61.9%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 8.1%	5.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	10	N/A	24	29
• Gifted and talented	18.8%	Up from 13.8%	10.0%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.8%	Up from 6.7%	8.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.9%	N/A	2.1%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	101	N/A	572	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	90.3%	N/A	18.1%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been another exciting year at Spring Valley High School. President George Bush and the Corporation for National Service again recognized Spring Valley as a Service Learning Leader School for excellence in service learning. Colin Powell also recognized Spring Valley as a School of Promise.

Our academic successes have been tremendous. Our SAT scores averaged 1025, well above the National Average. The SAT team won the regional title and our Academic Decathlon team came in third in the state competition. Both the Math and the Mock Trial teams were very successful in state competitions. Three of our students were named Robert Byrd Scholars, five students were selected National Merit Scholar Finalists and three students were selected National Achievement Scholar Finalists. Senior Ryan Wells was selected as a Presidential Scholar, bringing the Spring Valley total to seven since the inception of this program (more than any other high school in SC). Spring Valley also boasts a student with a perfect 1600 on the SAT as well as a perfect 36 on the ACT. Senior Molly Peeples was named a Siemens AP Scholar for the second consecutive year. Sophomore Scotty Bender is an International Science Fair winner. Spring Valley students won 72 awards at the SCJAS State competition and 59 awards at the Regional Science Fair. Our ROTC Drill Team won the State Championship for the 16th straight year, and are National Champs for the second consecutive year. Over six million dollars worth of scholarships were awarded to 45 percent of this year's seniors. Spring Valley has enjoyed a tremendous year in athletics as well with six teams winning region championships and two winning lower state championships. Our Drama Team also won the State Championship and represented SC in the Southeastern Competition.

Math teacher Sue Johansson was named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and Art teacher Jackie Chalfant was selected President of the SC Art Educators Association. Ten teachers at Spring Valley, more than any other school in the district, earned National Board Certification this year.

To guarantee that our successes continue, we systematically evaluate our programs and look for avenues of improvement. For example, after recognizing a high failure rate for freshmen, we instituted transition initiatives to acclimate middle school students to high school. These initiatives led to greater success for ninth graders and will be expanded next year.

Greg Owings, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	92.5	76.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	91.5	83.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	83.8	83.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,755 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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